ever, no proposal for formation of a Regional Cooperative Agency of developing countries trading in nuclear power. Under the Regional Cooperative Agreement and through the International Atomic Energy Agency as also bilaterally, India provides numerous fellowships to trainees from developing countries for training in peaceful uses of atomic energy including nuclear power. The total number of fellowships availed of committed during the year 1985 is 24. India is one of the few countries in the world which can design, construct, operate and maintain a nuclear power reactor entirely on its own.

Arms training schools for extremist sikhs in U.K.

1922. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether some extremist Sikhs were arrested in U. K. for conspiring with the Irish Republican Army to kill the Indian Prime Minister on the eve of his last visit to the U. K.

(b) whether it has come to Government's notice that 300 clean Shaven Sikhs have received training in sophisticated fire arms in a Birmingham school for waging war against India for establishment of the so-called Khalishtan on the Indian soil;

(c) if the answer to parts (a) and (b) above be in affairmative, how many extremist Sikhs are being tried in courts on charges of conspiring to kill the Prime Minister during his visit to the U.K.;

(d) whether Government have lodged a protest with the U.K. Government against opening of schools for giving training in sophisticated arms to extremist sikhs so as to wage war against India; and

(e) what is the number of such schools and what is the reaction of the U.K. Government on the protest lodged by India ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT): (a) According to information provided by the U.K authorities, 15 persons were arrested on the eve of the Prime Minister's visit to the UK.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) On the eve of Prime Minister's visit to the U.K., 15 "Khalistanis" and "JKLF" extremists were arrested by the British police. Shortly after the Prime Minister's visit, 11 of them (including all the "JKLF" extremists) were released without charges. Four of them were charged, on 17 October, 1985 under the Prevention of Terrorism Act 1974 for conspiring against the Prime Minister. One of them was additionally charged with possession of fire-arms without licence. Bail for them was rejected and the accused were remanded for three weeks. They will again be produced in Court on 12 December, 1985.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Does not arise.

Increase in quota of haj pilgrims during 1986

1923. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to increase the quota of Haj pilgrims from India during the year 1986; and

(b) if so, by when an announcement to this effect is likely to be made by Government ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. The quota of Haj pilgrims for 1986 has been fixed at 21,000. In addition 1,000 pilgrims will be permitted to go on the basis of foreign exchange received from relatives settled abroad.